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MILLIGAN WINS IN THIRD

The League of Nations and Americanism Receives Big Indorsement.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb. 14.—The voters of the Third Missouri congressional district Saturday elected Capt. J. L. ("Tuck") Milligan, Democrat, to congress by a majority of 1,952 votes, and by that action placed an ineluctable stamp of approval upon the League of Nations in the first real referendum on that question in this country.

The Milligan majority was out of a total vote of 25,500 as compared with the majority of Joshua W. Alexander, now secretary of commerce, of 1,793, out of a total of 30,127 votes in 1916.

By the vote of Saturday the Third district took a firm stand for the League of Nations as the Democratic victory was larger out of a very much smaller total vote and was cast in a campaign and election fought out on the single issue of league or no league.

Captain Milligan made the race for the congressional seat vacated by the resignation of Joshua W. Alexander, now secretary of commerce in President Wilson's cabinet, on a platform which indorsed the league and the policies of President Wilson.

John E. Frost, Republican, who was defeated in the Saturday election, ran on a platform which stood "unalterably against" the League of Nations.

The normal total vote of the district is close to 40,000, but at the last congressional election but 30,000 votes were cast.

In this Democratic victory there is a national significance. President Wilson is to be one of the first to be advised of the result. And leaders of national importance throughout the country have been watching this little Third congressional district fight in Missouri.

It is the first time that the League of Nations has been voted on by the people at an out and out referendum. The Republicans forced the league to an issue by taking a flat stand in their platform against a league.

The Democrats joyously took up the gauge of battle, and fought it out on the question of a League of Nations or no league.

The Republicans, seeing they had jumped into the same boat with Senator Johnson and Borah and other bittersenders in the United States senate, and that their stand against any sort of a league was out of harmony with a vast majority of the G. O. P. leaders, attempted to back out of the league fight in the Third, but the Democrats forced them to stand for a final decision on the issue.

And so important did the Third district election become nationally that both parties sent nationally known spellbinders and orators into the district to influence the election. At one time two members of President Wilson's cabinet, Attorney General Palmer and Secretary of Commerce Alexander, were in the district.

Death of Watson M. Hunter.

Watson M. Hunter, for the past forty years a resident of this city, died at his home on West Harrison street, Thursday afternoon, February 12th, 1920, after a long illness.

He was born eighty-five years ago in Franklin county, Ohio, where June 12, 1850, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gilliland. He came to this country about forty years ago and located on a farm near Mt. Olivet, a few miles northwest of this city. With the exception of a short time spent in Kansas ever since. About twenty years ago he retired from the farm and came to Butler where he has since resided. Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Chandler Coberly, mother of A. C. Coberly, of this city, of Passaic.

During his long residence in this country he has made many friends who know him as a man of sterling worth, a good neighbor and a loyal and steadfast friend.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. H. A. Mitchell, of the Ohio street M. E. church, were held at the home Friday afternoon and burial made in the Mt. Olivet cemetery beside two daughters who died some years ago.

Holiday Service.

In the past, on each holiday, we have opened the local post office from 8 to 10 a. m. for the sale of stamps and the delivery of mail, and the city carriers have made the regular morning delivery. Recent orders from the department require that we observe the regular Sunday schedule. That means, commencing Monday, Feb. 23rd, our next holiday, the post office will be closed all day and there will be no delivery of mails. All first class mail and daily papers will be distributed to the lock boxes. Special delivery service same as usual.

J. E. Williams, Postmaster.

Mrs. Letitia Oswald, widow of the late Rev. C. L. Oswald, former pastor of the Montrose M. E. church, will receive damages to the above amount from the Frisco railroad for the killing of her husband at a crossing at Carl Junction some months ago. The case was recently compromised out of court. Mrs. Oswald is now living at Carthage.—Appleton City Journal.

Death of Lafayette Cassity.

Lafayette Cassity, one of Bates county's best known and most highly respected citizens, died at his home a few miles southeast of this city Sunday morning, February 15, 1920, at six o'clock. He had for some time been suffering from an attack of the pleurisy, but Saturday his condition seemed to be much improved and it was thought all danger was past, but Sunday morning his heart failed and before medical aid could be summoned he was dead.

He was born September 22, 1847, in Bath county, Kentucky. In 1862 he moved to Illinois and located in Sangamon county, coming from there to this county in 1877, and locating on a farm several miles southeast of Butler. He has lived in that immediate vicinity with the exception of a few months spent in this city ever since. February 9, 1887, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Amanda Stonifer, of this county, who survives him. He is also survived by one son, Walter Cassity, one brother, William Cassity, of this city and one sister, Mrs. Clay Plummer, of Ray, Arizona.

During his long residence in this county he had gained a reputation as a first class citizen and numbered his friends by his acquaintances. He was a kind, loving husband, a devoted, self-sacrificing father and a good neighbor. With his passing, Bates county mourns the loss of another of its pioneer citizens.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Hood were held from the Christian church, in this city, of which he was a faithful member, Monday afternoon. Burial at Oak Hill cemetery.

Claud Edwards Dead.

Relatives in this city Wednesday received a telegram announcing the death of Claud Edwards which occurred at four o'clock that morning in a hospital at Oakland, California. The cause of his death was given as pneumonia.

Mr. Edwards was a son of Mrs. J. P. Edwards, of this city, where he was reared to manhood. He left here several years ago and located in Oakland, where he has since been engaged in the shoe business.

So far no funeral arrangements have been made, but it is probable that the remains will be brought back to Butler for burial.

COUNTY COURT ACTS ON ROAD DISTRICTS

Lone Oak Special, Butler-Adrian and Deer Creek, Special Districts Approved.

The County Court, at a special meeting which convened Monday to pass upon the petitions for and remonstrances against the several special road districts now in process of organization, approved of the Lone Oak special road district, the Butler-Adrian special road district and the Deer Creek special road district. A fourth district also styled the Deer Creek special, was permitted to withdraw its petitions.

Commissioners were appointed for the approved road districts as follows:

Lone Oak Special: J. R. Baum, H. M. Harper, Pearl Philbrick, Butler-Adrian: E. F. Dalton, A. C. Rosier, C. E. Jenkins.

Deer Creek Special: W. B. McCulloch, Will Frazier, E. C. Hess. Meetings of commissioners to organize were set for Thursday, February 19th and the commissioners of the Lone Oak district will meet at Rich Hill, the Butler-Adrian commissioners at the home of A. C. Rosier, the Deer Creek Special at the home of W. B. McCulloch.

The Lone Oak special district comprises what is known as the East Rich Hill road and includes a portion of the southeast part of this city. The Butler-Adrian district follows the Jefferson Highway from Butler to Adrian, and the Deer Creek special follows the Jefferson Highway from Adrian to the Cass county line.

Banks to Close Monday.

On account of next Monday February 23, being a national holiday, Washington's birthday, the banks and trust companies of this city will be closed all day.

Russell Rosier, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rosier, of north of town, who is attending the Chillicothe business college, is making a reputation in athletic circles as a basket ball player. In a recent game with the cadets of the Kemper Military Academy his fast work at forward had much to do with winning the game for the business college. He graduated from the Butler High school in the '17 class.

Mrs. William T. Phillips Dead.

Mrs. William T. Phillips died at her home in Independence, Missouri, Friday night, February 13, 1920, of pneumonia, which followed an attack of influenza.

Magdalene McNaught Smith, who was born in this city February 24, 1882, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Coleman Smith, prominent citizens of this city for many years. She attended the public school and was reared to womanhood here where by her sunny, cheerful disposition and her acts of kindness and consideration for others made her a universal favorite. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and lived her life in conformity with its precepts.

She was united in marriage to William T. Phillips, of Memphis, Tennessee, November 5, 1907. To this union were born two children, William and Elizabeth, who with the father mourn the loss of a devoted, self-sacrificing mother and a loving wife. Besides the husband and children she is survived by four sisters, Mrs. N. E. Young, of LaPlata, Missouri; Mrs. John Yapple, of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Misses Nellie T. and Alice Page Smith, of this city; and one brother, Robert J. Smith, also of this city, who is at present on a trip to California.

The body was brought to this city and funeral services conducted by Rev. J. B. Clyde, of the Presbyterian church, were held at the Oak Hill cemetery, where interment was made, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Newlon-Kenney.

Miss Selma Newlon of east of this city, and William A. Kenney, of Spruce township, were united in marriage in Kansas City Saturday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Baity, of the Westport avenue Presbyterian church. The ceremony was witnessed by Miss Elizabeth Ewin and Mr. Ralph Pipes of this city, friends of the young couple.

Mrs. Kenney is a daughter of Mrs. S. J. Newlon, of Summit, and is a very charming as well as accomplished young lady. Mr. Kenney is an industrious and well known young farmer of Spruce township. They are at home on the farm of Mr. Kenney, near Ballard.

The Times joins their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous future.

LANSING OUT OF CABINET

Wilson Tells Lansing to Give Up Office so He Could Name Successor Who Would Take Orders, Not Issue Them.

Washington, February 13.—Robert Lansing ended his career as Secretary of State today after President Wilson had accused him of usurping the powers of President by calling meetings of the cabinet during Wilson's illness.

Lansing denied that he had sought or intended to usurp the presidential authority. He added, however, that he believed then and still believed that the cabinet conferences were "for the best interests of the republic" that they were "proper and necessary," because of the President's condition, and that he would have been derelict in his duty if he had failed to act as he did.

As the record stands, Lansing tendered his resignation, and Mr. Wilson accepted it. The resignation was offered, however, only after the President under date of February 7, had written asking if it were true that Lansing had called cabinet meetings, and stating that if such were the case, he felt it necessary to say that "under our constitutional law and practice, as developed hitherto, no one but the President has the right to summon the heads of the executive departments to conference."

John B. Payne to Succeed Lane in the Cabinet.

Washington, Feb. 12.—President Wilson today appointed John Barton Payne of Illinois to be Secretary of the Interior, to succeed Franklin K. Lane.

John Barton Payne, who is chairman of the United States Shipping Board, was formerly general counsel of the Railroad Administration.

It was announced that Chairman Payne will continue his duties with the Shipping Board for some time, until it is possible for the President to appoint a successor. Chairman Payne's home is in Chicago, and he is well known as a jurist.

The nomination of Payne will be sent to the Senate today. Secretary Lane recently resigned, effective March 1.

"NO RIGHT TO GO ON STRIKE"

Farm Organizations Opposed to Methods of Unions.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Denial that any group of organized workers possesses an inherent right to strike is contained in a memorial to congress, formulated today at a conference here of representatives of four large farmers' organizations, the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Cotton States Board and the Association of State Farmers' Union Presidents.

In view of "recent events and happenings," representatives of the four organizations said it was agreed that the attitude of the farmer membership of their associations on the right to strike should be made plain to congress and to the country.

Pointing out that the city population of the country is dependent on the farmer for food, and that interruption of this supply can be brought about through strikes of railroad or other transportation unions, the memorial asserts:

"Those who believe that labor has an inherent right to organize a strike, believe that such organizations have a right to starve the people of the cities to death on the one hand, and to destroy the property of the farmers on the other. No such right has ever existed and no such right exists now. It is economically unsound and the American people can and will work some other method for the settlement of such controversies. No set of men has ever had the moral or legal right to destroy property or cause suffering by conspiring together and the welfare of all the people must ever remain superior to that of any class or group of people."

"What would be the verdict of the people if the farmers of the United States should suddenly decide to go on a strike and refuse to supply the wants and needs of those who are not in a position to produce food and clothing for themselves? They would be condemned from one end of the country to the other and the fact would be pointed out that they, as the owners and tillers of the land, had no right, either moral or legal, to bring about such a calamity. If the farmers who own and occupy the land, have no such moral or legal right, then why should it be conceded by any one that those who handle the farmers' product have a right to block the transportation nor industrial facilities of the country and thus jeopardize the food and clothing supply of the nation. If the farmers have no such rights, those who handle his products have no such rights."

Joe Cox Seriously Injured.

While melting a pot of metal at Norfleet & Kean garage Wednesday afternoon an explosion occurred throwing the hot metal into Joe Cox's face and eyes. He was immediately taken to Drs. Bates office or treatment, thence to his home in Butler, where an eye specialist was called. It was the opinion of the specialist that the sight was not permanently injured.

The injuries were very painful. All hope that serious results will not follow.

Later: We learn that only one of Joe's eyes was injured. He is said to have rested fairly well last night and it is hoped that the sight of his eye will not be permanently impaired.—Adrian Journal.

American Legion Memorial Services.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Circuit Court room, the James P. Arnold post of the American Legion will hold memorial services for those who died in France during the war. The French government has prepared a certificate of Honor, which is to be presented to the nearest of kin of every American soldier who died in that country. So far all of these certificates have been received by the James P. Arnold post and they will be delivered to the proper persons at that time. The address will be made by Rev. H. A. Mitchell, of the Ohio Street M. E. church, and the certificates will be presented by Hon. H. O. Maxey. There will be special music.

Republican Leaders Oppose Soldier Bonuses.

Washington, February 12.—Republican leaders of the Senate and House at a conference today virtually determined to insist upon the postponement for one or two years, or until the present large governmental expenditures can be reduced, of all legislation providing for the granting of bonuses or other aid to service men. It is expected that similar action will be taken on the question of universal military training because of the present need for economy.

Fletcher Orear Dead.

Fletcher Orear, a long time resident of this city, died at his home on West Ohio street, Friday evening, February 13th, after a short illness.

He was sixty-two years of age and had lived most of his life in this county, being employed for more than forty years at the Day marble yard in this city. He is survived by a wife, five children and several brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Ohio street M. E. Church by Rev. H. A. Mitchell and interment made in Oak Hill cemetery.

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